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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- PhD, Sociology, College of Social Sciences, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA
- MA, Population Studies, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- 1) Member in the International Sociological Association (**ISA**).
- 2) Member in the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (**IUSSP**).
- 3) Member in Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography (CICRD)
- 4) Member in the Jordanian National Association for Fighting Smoking
- 5) Member in the Research Committee, IRC/King Hussein Foundation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Most Recent Up to 2018	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are users of modern and traditional contraceptive methods in Jordan different? East Mediterranean Health Journal. 2018; 24 (4):377–384. https://doi.org/10.26719/2018.24.4.377 . ▪ Population Linkages and Impact on Development and Social Sectors in Jordan: Analytical Study, A Study Requested by UNFPA Country Office (2016). ▪ Missing Opportunities for RH Counseling in Jordan, M.A Thesis, Center for Women Studies, University of Jordan (2016). ▪ Social Protection and Market Policies in Jordan, M.A Thesis, Prince Al-Hussein Bin Abdullah School of International Studies, University of Jordan (2017 on going). ▪ Resort of Married Jordanian Women to C-S Delivery, M.A Thesis, Center for Women Studies, University of Jordan (completed 2018). ▪ CONTRACEPTIVE DISCONTINUATION BY JORDANIAN FAMILIES: DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE MOST RECENT DATA ON LEVELS, DIFFERENTIALS AND REASONS, Jordan Journals of Social Sciences, Vol. 8, No. 3 (2015). ▪ THE PROXIMATE DETERMINANTS OF FERTILITY STALLING IN JORDAN 2002-2009, Jordan Journals of Social Sciences, Vol. 6, No. 1 (2013). ▪ Review of Report on the Status of Jordanian Family, National Council for Family Affairs (2014). ▪ Review of UNCIEF Study Report on Syrian Refugees in Jordan (2015). 	
USAID – Abt. Associates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepared and presented on Analysis of FP Market Segmentation using Jordan 2012 DHS Data, April 8 – May 31, 2014. ▪ Prepared Policies, Legislation and Strategies Related to Family Planning in Jordan: Analysis, Review and Recommendations, Dec. 2014 - April, 2015. 	
MACRO Int'l and ICFI	Co-author of the main report of five Jordan DHS (Population and Family Health Survey) 1997-2012
Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, Amman, Jordan	Full-time Expert Since 2018. Work with the United Nations Agencies to design and implement capacity building activities for the 22 Arab Countries to respond

	to the requirement of monitoring and reporting on the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.
University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan Assistant to the Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences for Community Service.	1998
University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan <u>Professor</u>	Since 2008 to 2017.
Teaching the following graduate courses: Social Planning and Policies, Advanced Research Methods, Contemporary Social Issues, Population Issues and Policies, Multivariate Statistical Analysis, Demographic Software, and Supervising of Master and Ph.D Theses. Undergraduate Courses include: Family Protection, Social Problems, Social Demography, Population Analysis Techniques, Population Education, Social Statistics, Social Surveys and Other Data Sources, Sociological Theories, Research Methods, Family Protection, Introduction to Sociology.	

Qatar Foundation, Qatar National Research Fund	Reviewer of Research Proposals on Family for Several Research Cycles 2012-2018
Oman Research Council	Reviewer of Research Proposal on Marriage, 2015.
Futures Group, Int'l, Washington, D.C, USA <u>Senior Advisor, Researcher and Consultant</u>	1996 to 2013 Amman, Jordan
Responsible for conducting, managing, collecting, and disseminating research and information to inform the population and RH strategy development process and advocacy in Jordan. Led and participated in seven national committees and taskforces at Jordan National Population Commission/Higher Population Council charged with revising and updating Jordan's 1996 National Population Strategy. Participated in and managed several policy-oriented studies that were utilized in developing the Jordan National Population Strategy (2000-2020) and the Jordan Reproductive Health Action Plan (2003-2012) and its concomitant M & E Plan. Also participated in several policy dialogues and contributed to the four most recent editions of the Jordan Demographic Health Survey as well as various local training, advocacy and project coordination activities. Trainer in several local workshops on population analysis and FP projections for DOS, HPC and MoH.	

Georgetown University, Institute of Reproductive Health, USA <u>Policy Advisor and Principal Investigator</u>	1996 to 1997 Amman, Jordan
Served as Policy Advisor and Principal Investigator for the "Lactational Amenorrhea Method and Breastfeeding Support Project. The project was a collaborative effort with the University of Jordan.	

AVSC and Family Health International, USA <u>Director and Co-Investigator</u>	1995 to 1997 Amman, Jordan
Served as Director and Co-Investigator for the "Acceptability of Long-Acting Progestin Contraceptive Methods for Jordan" project, a collaborative study with the University of Jordan.	

Center for Consultations, Technical Services and Studies, University of Jordan <u>Acting Director of the Center.</u> <u>Head of Consultation Department.</u>	1992 to 1997 Amman, Jordan
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Head of Training and Life Span Learning Department.	
Charged with managing and implementing national, regional and international research projects, training activities and consultations.	
Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs, Seoul, South Korea Visiting Researcher	1993 , Seoul, Korea
1989 – 2016 Independent Consultant:	Amman, Jordan

UNFPA/Jordan/Iraq/GCC/ASRO: Designed the Component Project for the Population and Development Sub-Program in Jordan for 1998-2002. Participated in the development of the Program Review and Strategy Development (PRSD) for the UNFPA Country Program in Jordan in 1997. Authored Population and Development Strategies in Jordan (May 1997), a thematic review paper prepared for the PRSD. Evaluated the UNFPA-funded “Support to the National Population Commission/General Secretariat – Jordan” Project (1995). Served as Head of the Task Force for Revising and Updating the Jordan National Population Strategy, including goals-setting and integrating population objectives into various levels of the 1999-2003 Development Plan. (1995 to 1998). Trainer in the workshop on Analysis and Dissemination of Demographic and Vital Data for Jordan Civil Status Department (Sept. 2006) and on Software for Indirect Demographic Techniques for the Arab Countries (Nov. 2006). Prepared a paper on Key Issues and Challenges Facing Population and Population Policies in Jordan (2006) for the development of UNFPA Country Programme (2008-2012). Prepared a paper on the demographic window of opportunity and achievements of ICPD/MDGs for three Arab countries: Jordan, Iraq and Oman (2009). Trained staff working at Qatar Permanent Population Committee, Oman National Population Committee, and CDS in Iraq, UAE and KSA on demographic analysis techniques and population projections (2010-2012). Prepared a paper on Reproductive Health and Poverty Reduction in Jordan- Policy Options (2012).

UNESCO: Authored “Demographic Studies and Population Communication,” a paper for the Population Communication and Social Research Workshop, held at the American University in Cairo (1989).

ORC/MACRO International, USA: Co-authored the 1997, 2002, 2007, 2009 and 2012 Demographic Health Survey (DHS) Main Report. Authored three regional and Badia DHS reports for Jordan. (2004-2009).

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA): Co-authored the Women and Men in Jordan Report, which documents changes in gender differences in Jordan over the last few decades. (1999). Served as a member in the experts group meeting for the evaluation of census data in the Arab World (2013).

Population Reference Bureau, USA: Reviewed a number of Policy Briefs on North Africa and the Middle East (in Arabic), 2002-2003.

World Bank: Co-authored a report on designing a health services package for a Women’s Health Center of Excellence in south Jordan, 2004.

JICA: Co-authored research on FP and women in development for Japan International Cooperation Development (JICA) project in South Jordan.

Jordan Department of Statistics: Authored and co-authored a number of sample survey research reports.

Health Policy Initiative and Health Policy Project (USAID-sponsored project 2006-2012).

COUNTRIES OF PROFESSIONAL WORK

Jordan, Korea, United States, Yemen, Oman, Iraq, Qatar, KSA, Libya, UAE, Sudan.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Arabic: Native Speaker

English: Very Good

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office and Demographic and Statistical Software

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS

- Contraceptive Discontinuation by Jordanian Families: Detailed Analysis of the Most Recent Data on Levels, Differentials and Reasons, *Jordan Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (2015).
- Oman Demographic Window of Opportunity and the State of Oman Population (2011, 2012).
- Evaluation and adjustment of KSA Population and Housing Census Data and population projections (2012).
- Reproductive Health and Poverty Reduction in Jordan- Policy Options (2012), paper prepared for UNFPA/Jordan.
- Fertility Stalling in Jordan: Direct Reasons and Remedies, Oct 2011, Paper presented at the regional meeting on fertility plateauing in the Arab Region, UNFPA/ASRO and American University in Cairo
- Evaluation and Adjustment of Jordan 2004 Population and Housing Census Data (2007), contracted for Jordan Department of Statistics and presented at the Third National Population Forum “Population and the Demographic Gift”. Amman, Jordan. March 26-27, 2007. The National Population Council, Department of Statistics and UNFPA
- Jordanian Women Status (2007): Indicators Based on Jordan 2004 Population and Housing Census, contracted for Jordan Department of Statistics.
- Risk Factors for Breast Cancer in Jordanian Women. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*. First Quarter, 34:1, 2002 (co-author)
- Jordan Population: Future Strategic Vision. March 2004. A leaflet distributed at the national seminar (patronized by Jordan Prime Minister) for launching Jordan Reproductive Health Action Plan 2003-2007.
- Family Planning Market Segmentation in Jordan: An Analysis of the Family Planning Market in Jordan to Develop an Effective and Evidence-Based Strategic Plan for Attaining Contraceptive Security, March 2004 (with Suneeta Sharma).
- Dynamics of Contraceptive Use in Jordan: Based on 2002 Jordan Demographic and Health Survey.” *Dirasat Journal*, in 2006.
- Presentation on “Future Contraceptive Needs and Family Planning within the Context of Private Health Insurance in Jordan,” First and second workshop for developing a national strategy for contraceptive security in Jordan, Aqaba, Jordan, March 2004 and March 2005.
- The Consistency and Contradiction between Reproductive Practices, Desires and Intentions among Jordanian Mothers.” *Dirasat*, vol. 30, no. 1, 2003.
- Adolescent Reproductive Health in Jordan: Status, Issues, Policies, and Programs. The POLICY Project, January 2003.

- The Policy Environment Score: Measuring the Degree to Which the Policy Environment in Jordan Supports Effective Policies and Programs for Reproductive Health. The POLICY Project, February 1998 and 2000 (with John Stover).
- Funding and Expenditures within the Jordanian Family Planning Program: Government and NGO Activities. The POLICY Project, January 1998 (with William Winfery).
- Presentation on “The Impact of Population Growth on Development and Family in Jordan,” at the National Conference on Family Planning and Men: Together for a Happy Family, Amman, March 30, 1998.
- “Future Goals for Population and Reproductive Health in Jordan (1998-2020), paper presented at the 2nd National Seminar for Revising the National Population Strategy, Amman, December 1998.
- Nuptiality Patterns and Differentials in Jordan in the Last Two Decades. Dirasat Vol. 26 (supplementary) 1999
- Regret after Tubal Ligation among Jordanian Mothers (Dirasat , Vol. 25 , No. 2, 1998)
- Unmet Need and the Intention to Use Family Planning Among Jordanian Women, January 2000, the POLICY Project (with William Winfrey)
- Programme Review and Strategy Development, 1997. A Background Paper Prepared for 1998-2002 UNFPA Programme for Jordan (with Rowaida Al-Ma’aitah).
- Population and Development Strategies in Jordan, 1997. A Thematic Review Paper Prepared for UNFPA Programme Review and Strategy Development (PRSD) for Jordan 1998-2002.
- Employment Opportunities for Women in the Jordanian Labor Market, 1990. 1991. A study prepared for the Ministry of Planning and Financed by the United Nations Population Fund, the UNFPA (with other Researchers from Jordan University and Royal Scientific Society).
- The Parliamentarians’ Views on Population and Development in Jordan. Policy Paper, Feb. 2000

TRANSLATIONS TO ARABIC:

1. ICFI Journalists Guide to Using DHSs Results and other materials for helping Journalists reading and using demographic and health statistics in their work, Feb. 2014.
2. US Agency for International Development (USAID). 2009. Several documents related to U.S Mexico City Policy.
3. US Agency for International Development (USAID). 2004. Contraceptive Security: Ready Lessons (6 booklets)
4. The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) 2004. The NCFA Strategic Action Plan 2004-2008 and the Action Plan for 2004
5. Contraceptive Security Briefing Booklet. 2004. The POLICY Project
6. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The National Population Strategy 2000-2020 and the Reproductive Health Action Plan 2003-2007
7. Johns Hopkins University and Jordan National Population Commission “Family Planning Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices in Jordan Report based on the 1996 National KAP Survey”, 1997
8. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. Population Handbook, 1998
9. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. Making Pregnancy and Childbirth Safer (Fact sheet), 1999
10. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. Breastfeeding Patterns in the Developing World (Wallsheet), 1999
11. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. Improving Reproductive Health in Developing Countries (Booklet), 2000

12. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. New Population Policies: Advancing Women Health, 2002
13. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. "Population Trends in the Middle East and North Africa: Policy Brief. 2001" (reviewer)
14. Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC. "Iran's Family Planning Program: Responding to a Nation's Needs - Policy Brief. 2001" (reviewer).

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS:

- 1) Trainer at the Demographic Indicators and Projections Regional Workshop, Feb. 16-20, 2014, Amman, Jordan.
- 2) Trainer at the Demographic Analysis Workshop Using PASEX, April 13-17, 2014, Khartoum, Sudan.
- 3) Facilitator and trainer at the Jordanian Journalists Workshop on Using DHS Findings, ICFI, CSS and HPC, Jordan, March 8-9, 2014
- 4) Trainer at the Demographic Indicators and Projections Workshop for the Arab Statistical Offices , Amman, Jordan, Feb. 16-20, 2014,
- 5) Facilitator and trainer at the Jordanian Journalists Workshop on Using DHS Findings, ICFI, CSS and HPC, March 8-9, 2014
- 6) ICPD Regional Conference + 20 for the Arab Countries, Cairo, 24-26 June, 2013.
- 7) Seminar for discussing the First Report on Arab Labor Markets Data, Arab Labor Organization and Sudan Ministry of Human Resources and Labor, Khartoum, Sept. 2013.
- 8) Impact of Population Change on Energy and Land Use in Jordan, May, 2013
- 9) Group Expert Meeting on the Quality of Census Data in the Arab Countries, Beirut, and June, 2013.
- 10) Presenter at the launching of The State of Jordan Population Report, The World Population Day, Amman, July 25, 2011.
- 11) The 2nd Arab Statistical Conference, Sirt, Libya Nov. 2-4, 2009. Presented a paper on "Measuring the Impact of Eliminating Unintended Childbearing on Development Up to 2025: The Case of Jordan".
- 12) Operations Research for Integration of Family Planning into Postpartum / Postabortion Care Services in the Arab Region, Population Council, Cairo, Egypt, and March 25-27, 2008.
- 13) Presenter at the Third National Population Forum "Population and the Demographic Gift". Amman, Jordan. March 26-27, 2007. The National Population Council, Department of Statistics and UNFPA.
- 14) Population Challenges in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA): Towards the 21st Century, Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 2-4, 1998, the Economic Research Forum, the Kuwait Fund for Economic and Social Development and Population Reference Bureau.
- 15) Mediterranean Development Forum, Marrakech, Morocco 3-6 Sept. 1998, the World Bank.
- 16) Speaker on "The Impact of Population Growth on Development and Family in Jordan", the **National Conference on FP and Men** "Together for a Happy Family", March 30, 1998.

- 17) Speaker on “Barriers to LAM in Jordan” and Participant in the “**Contraceptive Technology Update Conference: New Developments and Service Delivery Barriers**”, Family Health International (FHI) and Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan, August 4-5, 1996.
- 18) Conference on "**Arab Women and Sustainable Development**". April 26-28, 1994. Amman, Jordan. Organized by Jordanian Union for Business and Professional Women, ESCWA, and the International Union for Business and Professional Women.
- 19) Conference on “**Population Transition and Development Policies**”, Organized by the Center for Strategic Studies, the University of Jordan, Amman, May 3-4, 1993. Paper No.8 Listed in this C.V. was presented in that conference.
- 20) Representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) in the **Arab Conference on Population** April 4-8, 1993, Amman, Jordan.
- 21) Presenter in the National Conference on Employment and Fighting Unemployment in Jordan, Amman, Sept. 20-22, 1998, the Government of Jordan.
- 22) The Fourth International Nursing Conference. Amman 27-29 July, 1999. Presenting a paper on "Recent Trends in FP and Child Health in Jordan with reference to other Arab Countries".
- 23) Several National and Regional DHS Seminars.
- 24) Several Advocacy Presentations for RH/FP and Gender to Policy Makers, Planners, Community and Religious Leaders.
- 25) Presenter in the National and Regional Seminars for Disseminating Jordan 1997, 2002 DHS and 1998 JAFS.
- 26) Presenter in the Conference on Contemporary Issues of Jordanian Women. March 27-28, 2001 Amman, Jordan.
- 27) The National Council for Family Affairs. National Strategy for Jordanian Family Retreat. Amman, Dec. 22, 2002.

RADIO, T.V. and Print Media SEMINARS:

A Participant in a number of radio, T.V. and print media seminars and interviews on: “Family, Social Issues, Population, Employment, Family Planning, and Development”.

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